

Courage 2 Report

December 2024
Activity Summary



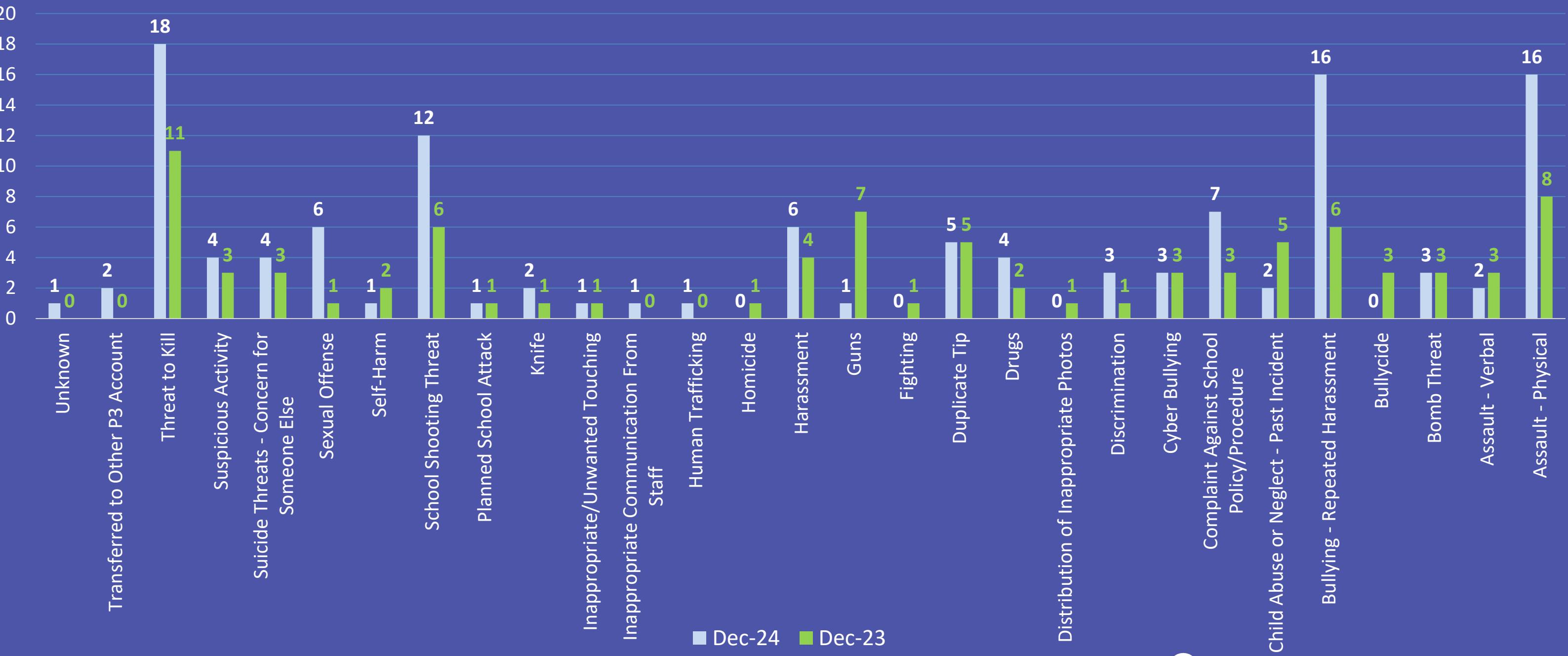
Tip Facts

- Threat To Kill was the most reported tip type in December, mirroring last year's data.
- Bullying - Repeated Harassment and Assault - Physical were the second most reported tip types.
- December had a total of 125 tips.
- 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM was the peak time for tips.
- Reporting incidents by PC Web Browser was the most popular way to submit a tip also mirroring last year's data.
- Thursdays saw the most tips with 27, followed by Fridays with 24.
- A total of 27 HandleWithCare notifications were delivered to schools. These are submitted by law enforcement when a student has been involved in a potentially traumatic event.

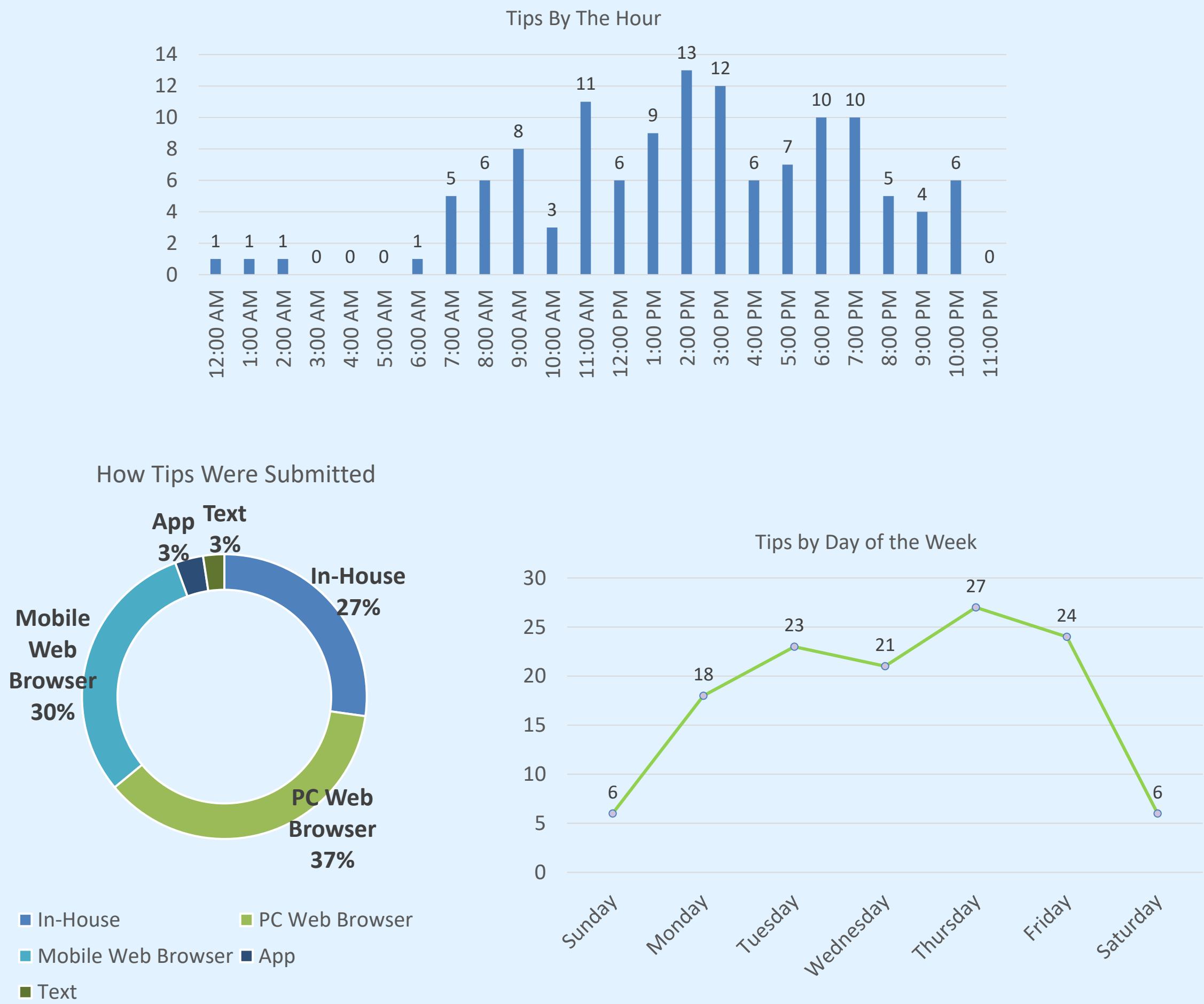
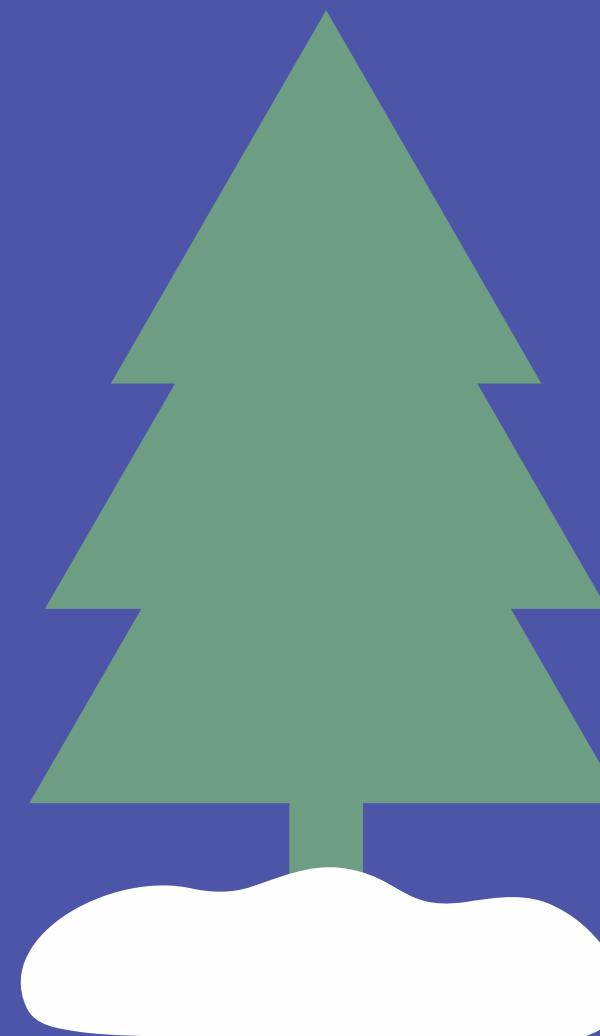


Tip Event Types

Dec '24 Compared to Dec '23

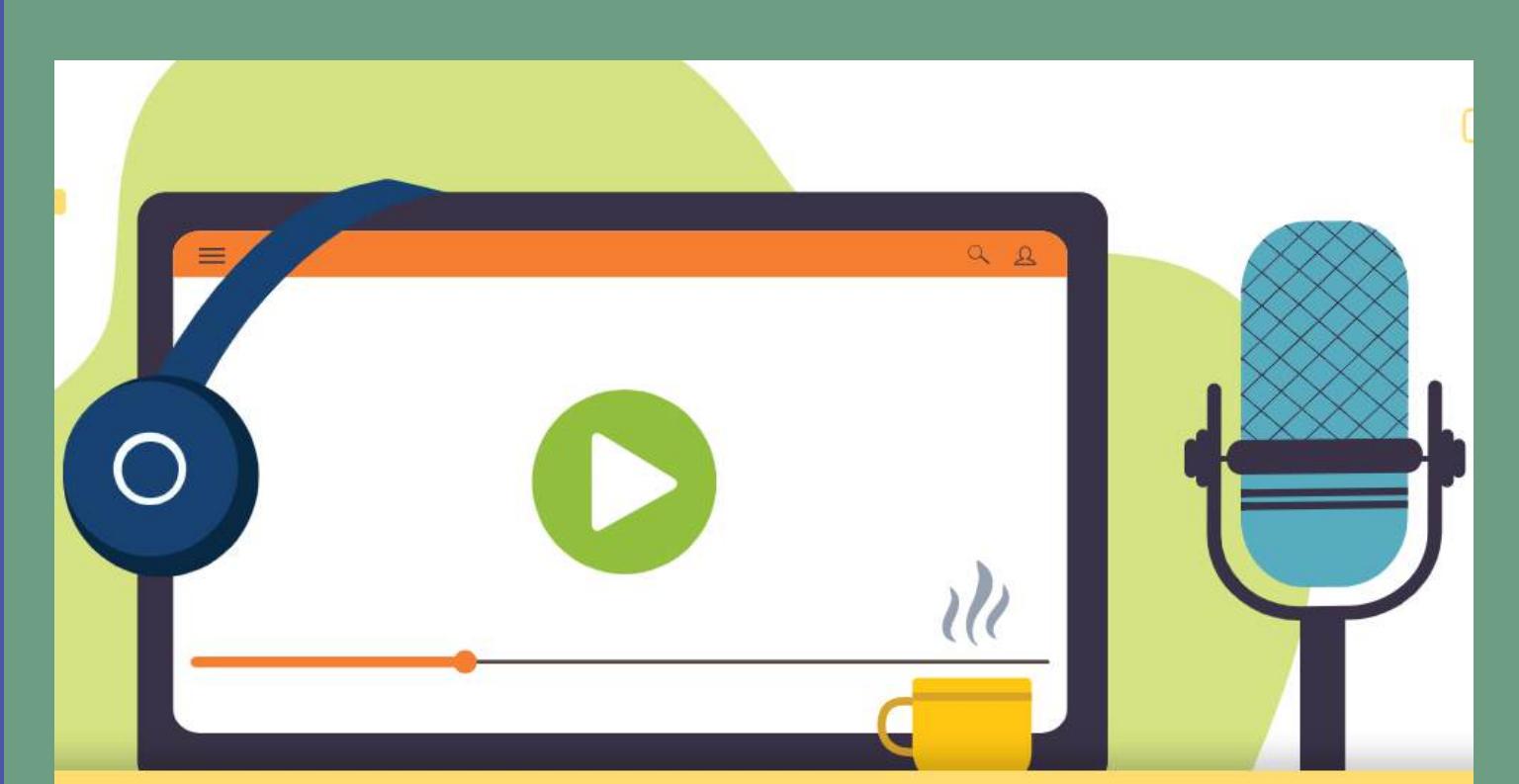
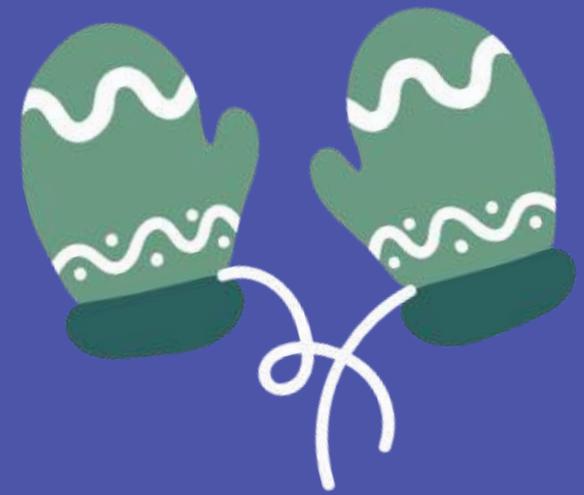


Tip volume



The Science of School Safety

A podcast episode by the National Institute of Justice



Gun violence may be the most discussed topic surrounding school safety, but it is by no means the only one. Bullying, school climate, and mental health affect students across the country, and are some of the many other issues that the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) researches. Mary Poulin Carlton, an NIJ social science analyst, joins host Paul Haskins to discuss these and other important school safety issues.

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Where We've Been, Where We're Going!



Past:

12/05/2024 - 12/06/2024: Show Me Safer Schools

Conference

12/10/2024: Modeling School Safety, St. Louis, MO

12/16/2024: Frontier Schools, Kansas City, MO

01/03/2025: FrankKlin Co. R-II, New Haven, MO

Present:

01/16/2025: Jefferson City PD, Jefferson City, MO

01/28/2025: Franklin Co. R-II, New Haven, MO

02/04/2025: Rockwood R-VI, EureKa, MO



Virtual Training

Please join the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) School Safety Task Force on Thursday, January 30 from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. EST for a virtual training on assessing and responding to anonymous threats of violence in the K-12 environment.

The training will feature a facilitated discussion with school and district leaders on their experiences with managing anonymous threats – such as hoax calls, threats received on social media or via email, and notes found on school grounds – and maintaining the safety of their communities. The discussion will explore anonymous threat trends affecting K-12 schools, the criticality of early awareness and deterrence of future threats, key partners in addressing threats, and appropriate response actions that schools and local law enforcement partners can take when threats are received.

Event Details

- When: January 30, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. EST
- Where: Microsoft Teams Live (access link to be provided to registrants one day in advance of the event)
- Registration: K12anonymousthreats.eventbrite.com

Most US teens are abstaining from drinking, smoking and marijuana, survey says



"NEW YORK (AP) — Teen drug use hasn't rebounded from its drop during the early years of the COVID-19 pandemic, according to the results from a large annual national survey released Tuesday.



About two-thirds of 12th graders this year said they hadn't used alcohol, marijuana, cigarettes or e-cigarettes in the previous 30 days. That's the largest proportion abstaining since the annual survey started measuring abstinence in 2017.

Among 10th graders, 80% said they hadn't used any of those substances recently, another record. Among 8th graders, 90% didn't use any of them, the same as was reported in the previous survey.

The only significant increase occurred in nicotine pouches. About 6% of 12th graders saying they'd used them in the previous year, up from about 3% in 2023.

Whether that has the makings of a new public health problem is unclear. The University of Michigan's Richard Miech, who leads the survey, said: "It's hard to know if we're seeing the start of something, or not."

[Click here to read the full article by Mike Stobbe.](#)

Why Schools Need to Wake Up to the Threat of AI ‘Deepfakes’ and Bullying

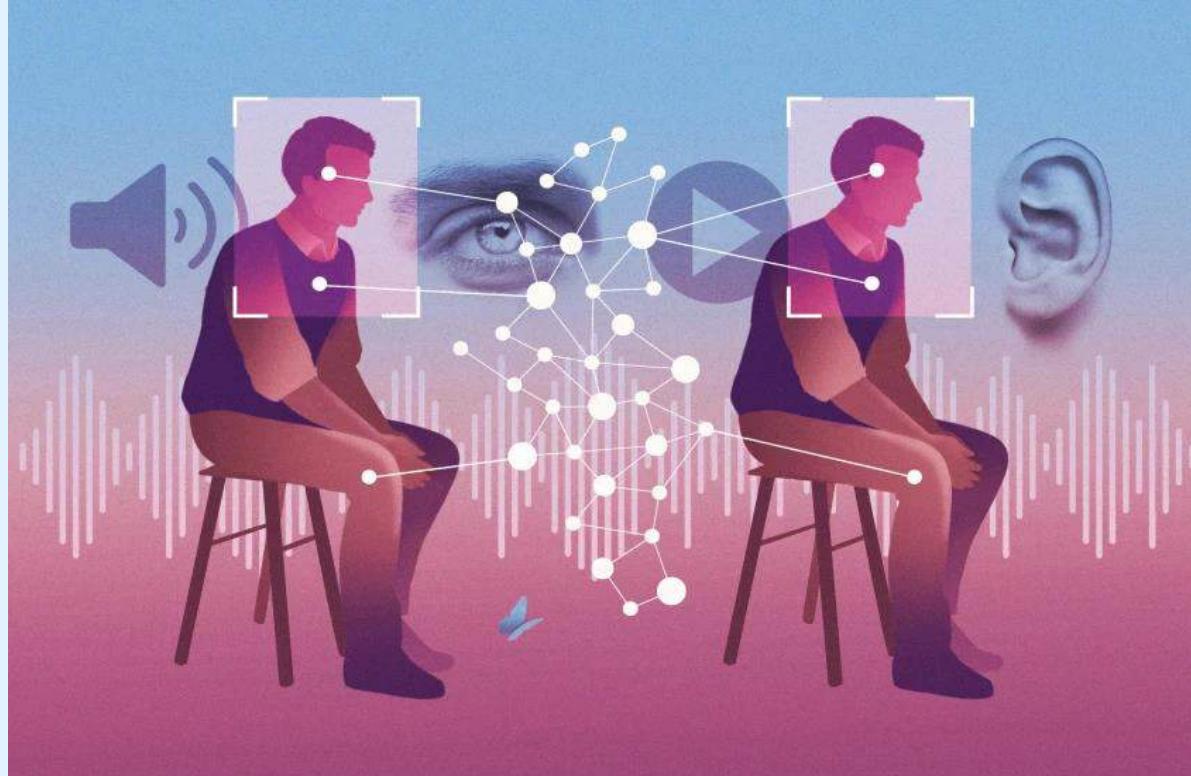


By [Olina Banerji](#) — December 09, 2024 | Corrected: December 11, 2024 11 min read

“A new word—“deepfakes”—slipped effortlessly into the lexicon of school administrators last fall in states across the country. Schools discovered that boys, as young as 14, had used artificial intelligence to create fake, yet lifelike, pornographic images of their female classmates and shared them on social media sites like Snapchat.

Students aren’t the only targets. Early last year, the athletic director of Pikesville High School in Baltimore used an off-the-shelf, \$1,900 software program to create a fake audio clip of his principal. The fake principal could be heard spouting harmful and racist stereotypes about his Black and Jewish students. The real principal was absolved of any wrongdoing, but the district placed him at another school, following strong reaction from Pikesville’s students and parent community to the fake clip.”

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“...A nationally representative survey of more than 1,100 teachers, principals, and district leaders conducted by the EdWeek Research Center in September showed that 67 percent of them believed that their students had been misled by a deepfake. While only 9 percent of educators reported being misled themselves, more than half the respondents were somewhat or very concerned that students would use AI to generate deepfakes that featured their peers or educators.”



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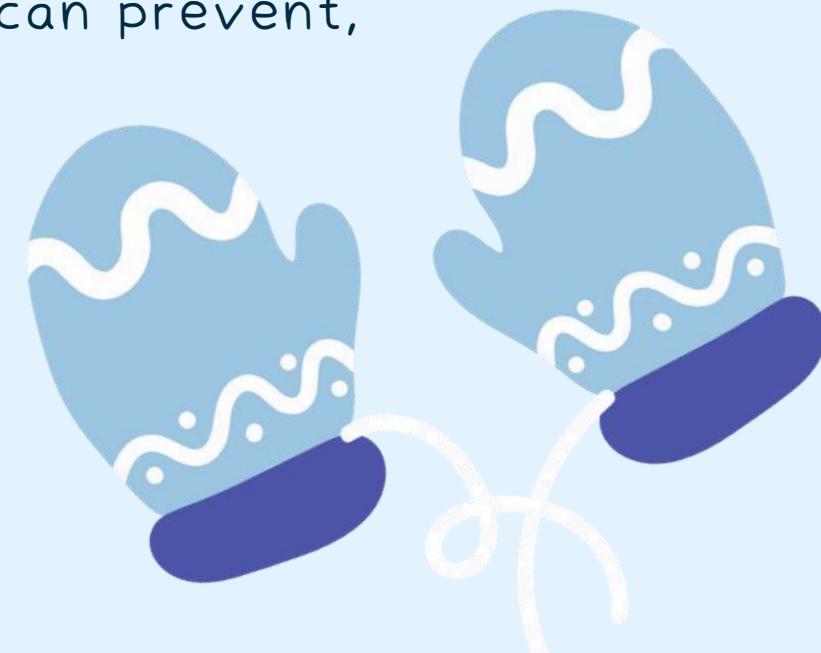


January Is Human Trafficking Prevention Month

January is recognized as National Human Trafficking Prevention Month.

Human trafficking can happen to anyone, but children can be especially vulnerable since they are young and may not have the skills to make informed decisions when presented with a situation that may lead to trafficking. Explore the resources on SchoolSafety.gov to learn more about youth human trafficking and how schools can prevent, recognize, and respond to this crime.

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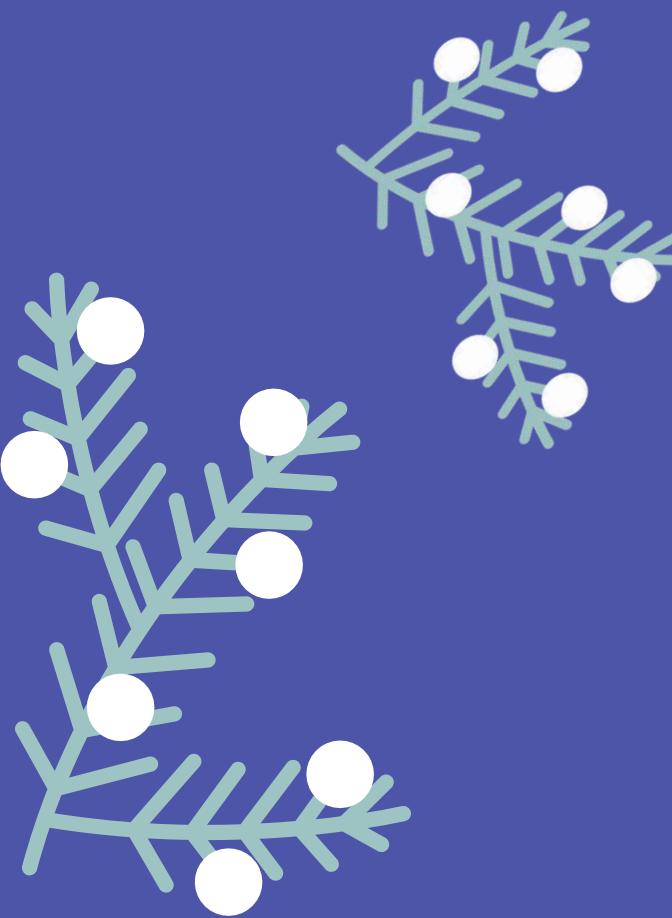
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